

III. REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-33 are pending in this application. By this response, claims 1 and 32 have been amended. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of March 29, 2007 with their representative, Darrell L. Pogue, Reg. No. 57,878. During the interview, the independent claims were discussed with respect to their corresponding 35 U.S.C. §101 rejections. No exhibits were presented and no agreement was reached. The substance of the interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 4, 10, 12-14 and 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, the Office asserts that the determining step does not have a tangible result. Office Action, p. 3. As discussed during the interview, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 32 to recite, *inter alia*, “storing a result of the testing in a control unit; and determining whether a defect exists from the stored result of the testing.” To this extent, Applicants submit that the determining step has a tangible result. As such, Applicants submit that the claimed invention is directed to statutory subject matter and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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